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1. SUMMARY: CONVERSATIONS AMBASSADOR DALE, ACCOMPANIED BY GENEVA POLCOUNS GRIP, HAD WITH ILO DIRECTOR GENERAL BLANCHARD AND WHO SECRETARY GENERAL MAHLER AND ILO AND WHO STAFF MEMBERS HAVE PROVIDED AT LEAST A ROUGH IMPRESSION OF THE TRANSACTIONS AT THE ACC MEETINGS OCTOBER 18 22 CONCERNING THE G-LEVEL SALARIES QUESTION (PARA 2), WORK STOPPAGES (PARA 3), ICSC (PARA 4), PENSIONS (PARA 5), RESTRUCTURING (PARA 6), CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (PARA 7), INFORMATION SYSTEMS (PARA 8) AND LANGUAGE ARRANGEMENTS (PARA 9). THEIR COMMENTS ON THE JOINT ACC/CPC MEETING OCTOBER 19-20 ARE REPORTED BY SEPTTEL. END SUMMARY

2. G-LEVEL SALARIES QUESTIONS. THE ACC CONSIDERED THE G-LEVEL SALARIES PROBLEM PRIMARILY IN TERMS OF THE NEED IT SAW TO RESPOND TO THE CRITICISMS OF THE JIU REPORT (ATTRIBUTED TO BERTRAND) ON THE GENEVA PROBLEM. ALL SHARED INTEREST IN CRITERIA FOR ESTABLISHING G-LEVEL SCALES, BUT DEFERRED TO THE GENEVA BASED EXECUTIVE HEADS TO CONSIDER THE IMPLICATIONS

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OF THE JIU REPORT FOR THE SITUATION THERE. THEY IN TURN

LEFT IT TO UN OFFICIALS (WALDHEIM, WINSPEARE, DAVIDSON AND DEBATIN) TO CONSIDER HOW TO RESPOND TO THE CRITICISMS LEVELED AGAINST MANAGEMENT AT THE PALAIS. THE DRAFT ACC RESPONSE AS IT CAME OUT OF THE ACC PREPARATORY COMMITTEE AND WAS TOUCHED UP BY ACC AT THE EXECUTIVE HEADS LEVEL DOES NOT FIGHT THE JIU CRITICISMS, NOR ATTEMPT TO RESPOND TO THEM, BUT AIMS INSTEAD AT TURNING THE GENEVA PROBLEM OVER TO THE ICSC. IT WAS UNDERSTOOD IN ACC THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL WOULD RESPOND SEPARATELY TO THE JIU REPORT, AND PROBABLY WITH THE SAME AIM OF STEERING THE GENEVA G-LEVEL SALARIES PROBLEM INTO THE HANDS OF THE ICSC.

3 WORK STOPPAGES. CONSIDERATION OF HOW TO HANDLE WORK STOPPAGES IS STILL CONFINED TO DISCUSSION AMONG LEGAL ADVISERS AND TO CCAQ, WHICH WAS CHARGED BY ACC IN JULY WITH EXAMINING THE GENEVA STRIKE. DISCUSSION AMONG LEGAL ADVISERS REMAINS INCONCLUSIVE, AND A NUMBER OF EXECUTIVE HEADS FEEL SO STRONGLY ABOUT THE ILLEGALITY OF WORK STOPPAGES THAT THEY BLOCKED ACC FROM EVEN CONSIDERING THE CCAQ COMMENTS. MAHLER INDICATED THAT INSTEAD WHO HAD PREPARED INTERNAL PROCEDURES FOR COPING WITH ANY SUCH QTE NATURAL DISASTER UNQTE, AND BLANCHARD CONFIRMED THAT SIMILAR INTERNAL PROCEDURES HAD BEEN DEVELOPED WITHIN ILO. IN MOVING TO HAVE THE JIU REPORT CONVEYED TO ICSC WITHOUT ACC COMMENT ON THE RIGHT TO STRIKE ISSUE IT WAS THE UNSTATED INTENTION OF THE EXECUTIVE HEADS TO LODGE THE ISSUE, TOO, WITH ICSC.

4. ICSC. EXECUTIVE HEADS GENERALLY WERE WELL SATISFIED WITH THE OPERATING METHODS OF ICSC AND POINTED TO THE MUCH CLOSER CONSULTATION AND TESTING OF IDEAS THAN HAD BEEN THE CASE WITH ICSAB. THE ONLY POINTS OF DIFFERENCE WITH ICSC RECOMMENDATIONS TAKEN UP BY ACC CONCERNED (A) PAYMENT OF EDUCATION GRANTS (EXECUTIVE HEADS PREFER PAYMENT THROUGH FOUR YEARS OF UNIVERSITY OR TO A FIRST DEGREE RATHER THAN A CUTOFF AT 21 YEARS OF AGE), AND (B) TERMINATION INDEMNITIES (EXECUTIVE HEADS SEEK 18 MONTHS RATHER THAN 12 MONTHS). AN ILO SOURCE COMMENTED SUBSEQUENTLY THAT THE LARGER INDEMNITY WOULD FACILITATE THE TASK OF EASING OUT DEADWOOD.

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5. PENSIONS. ACC BECAME PREOCCUPIED WITH THE CONTENTIOUS PROBLEM OF ESTABLISHING A PENSION SCHEME TO FOLLOW ON THE 1975-1976 INTERIM SOLUTION FOR TAKING ACCOUNT FAIRLY OF CURRENCY FLUCTUATIONS. THE ISSUE HAS UN STAFF SO BADLY SPLIT THAT FICSA IS UNABLE TO PRESENT A STAFF POSITION. UPSHOT OF INCONCLUSIVE ACC DEBATE OF PRESENT PROPOSAL (A/31/9) WAS A DECISION TO HAVE ADMINISTRATION'S REPRESENTATIVES CALL FOR THE UN JOINT STAFF PENSION BOARD TO RECONVENE IN

EMERGENCY SESSION TO TRY TO DEVISE A DIFFERENT SCHEME
BASED ON THE CONCEPT OF CONSTANT PURCHASING POWER
WHICH CAN BE MADE ACCEPTABLE. THE AIM WILL BE TO ASSEMBLE
THE BOARD, PROBABLY IN NEW YORK, WITHIN A WEEK.

6. RESTRUCTURING. ACC WAS BRIEFED ON THE STATUS BUT NO
DISCUSSION TOOK PLACE.

7. CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. SPECIALIZED
AGENCY HEADS OBJECTED TO THE PRESENTATION PREPARED FOR
THE GA WHICH TOOK ACCOUNT OF THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF
THE CONFERENCE FOR THE UN BUT IGNORED (A) COSTS SPECIALIZED
AGENCIES WOULD HAVE TO BEAR AND BUDGET FOR IN PREPARATIONS
AND STAFFING, AND (B) CREDITS WHICH NEED BE ESTABLISHED
FOR THE COSTS OF ANY INSTITUTIONAL FOLLOW-ON WHICH SPECIALIZED
AGENCIES MIGHT BE EXPECTED TO CARRY. IT WAS LEFT THAT A
REVISED PAPER WILL BE PREPARED.

8. INFORMATION SYSTEMS. ACC APPROVED IN A ROUTINE WAY (A)
A SURVEY OF INFORMATION SERVICES TO DETECT IMPLICATIONS AND
POSSIBILITIES FOR COOPERATIVE SERVICES, AND (B) ARRANGEMENT
FOR THE CENTER FOR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE OFFICE
OF PUBLIC INFORMATION TO ESTABLISH COMMON THEMES TO WHICH
THE INFORMATION PROGRAMS OF ALL ORGANIZATIONS MIGHT BE ATTUNED.

9. LANGUAGE ARRANGEMENTS. A SUBSIDIARY GROUP HAS MET ON THESE
PROBLEMS BUT ITS REPORT WAS NOT READY FOR THE ACC MEETING.
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